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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

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☒ the claims:

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☒ the drawings:

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- ☐ the description, pages
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- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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- ☐ the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-10 meet the criteria set forth in PCT Article 33(2) - (4) for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The prior art, either individually or in obvious combination, published before the priority date does not disclose the features of the only independent claim 1

CLAIMS:

1. An emissions control device for an engine having a fuel system, the device including
 - (a) an elongate body portion having a plurality of channels which are angularly orientated to each other in a Y-shaped configuration, the Y-shaped configuration located in association with a fuel conduit or rail and
 - (b) each channel having at least one magnet positioned in the channel, the at least one magnet having a polar axis orientated to create magnetic fields directed at a common site adjacent to the body portion and within at least a part of the fuel conduit or rail.
2. An emissions control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the open faces are radially spaced at approximately 120 degrees.
3. An emissions control device as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 including a tubular cover which houses the body and provides an opening common with the common site.
4. An emissions control device according to claim 3 wherein the opening is an elongate opening defined between a pair of channels of the Y-shaped configuration.
5. An emissions control device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the magnet is mounted in a first of the channels are neodymium magnets.
6. An emissions device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the magnets mounted in a second and third channels are ferrite magnets.
7. An emissions control device as claimed in claim 3 wherein the fuel conduit or rail of the fuel system is at least partially received in the opening.
8. A method of treating air fuel mixtures of an engine having a fuel injection system comprising mounting a device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7 in association with a fuel intake rail of a fuel injection system.
9. A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the device is mounted externally of the fuel rail.
10. A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the device is mounted within the fuel rail.